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## History comes to life - page 2

## Greenwich's GCSE grades among most improved

by Pat Greenwood

GREENWICH students' exam results are among the most improved in the capital - and in the country - according to the latest GCSE results.

The figures, released last Wednesday, reveal it was a record-breaking year for exam results in Greenwich with more pupils than ever achieving top grades at GCSE level.

They show the number of students achieving 5 or more GCSEs at A\*-C including English and Maths as 50.1 per cent - up by almost 7 percentage points over last year.

The results demonstrate the hard work and commitment from students, teachers and parents across the borough.

More students than ever successfully achieved top grades.

The percentage of pupils achieving 5 or more GCSEs at A\*-C in any subject has shot up by more than 9 percentage points to 72%. This is part of a consistent and remarkable increase of almost 25 percentage points over the last four years.

Councillor Jackie Smith, cabinet member for children and young people, said: "Congratulations to our students on another set of excellent results. These results provide a positive base for students moving on to post 16

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## In my opinion

Help yourself to good advice



BACK in December my life collapsed around me.

My relationship had broken up and I had received a tax bill that would even shock Bill Gates! I was single and penniless, and I couldn't see a way out.

In desperation I bought a self help book, 'Positively Happy' by Noel Edmonds. Yes! That Noel Edmonds.

He of Deal Or No Deal with the appalling taste in shirts. I know! I know!

I was as cynical about it as I'm sure you are. What could Mr Bouffant possibly tell me about happiness?

I went on to read it in one sitting and it changed my life. It's based on making the right choices for yourself and generating your own luck. It focuses on positive mental attitude; ensuring that all interactions with others are positive, doing good deeds and more than anything, learning to appreciate all the things you already have. Positivity breeds positivity. It revitalised me and helped me to believe in myself

again.

A little later, a friend bought me a book called 'The time is now' for Christmas (it's always worrying when that happens - what are they trying to say? That I need help?!). It's a book about seizing the moment and appreciating today instead of endlessly obsessing about tomorrow and it reaffirmed my new outlook.

In the past I was one of those who thought self help books were overpriced clichéd garbage designed to exploit people in crisis.

I thought they never worked - otherwise there wouldn't be so many churned out year after year would there? I was quick to dismiss them as airy-fairy nonsense but I have to put my hands up and admit it: self help books have changed my life. Self help books really pulled me back from a dark place and set me back on track again. Never have I been more pleased to be proven wrong! And now I just need to find a book that will help wean me off of self-help books...

Dean Beadle

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PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORIES: Jose Merriott tells pupils about her grandfather, who went to their school

# When history comes to life

Bannockburn bring the Victorian age into school

by Pat Greenwood

**LIVING** history walked into the 365-pupil school in Bannockburn Road in the shape of Jose Merriott and her second cousin, Ivor Mason.

And GT helped to bring it all about! The pair are direct ancestors of Alfred Edmund Lewis, who was one of the earliest scholars there, back in the 1890s.

Bannockburn teaching assistant Deborah O'Boyle - a keen genealogist - set up a small after-school history club last term, while Years 5 and 6 were focusing on the Victorians in lessons.

The club picked out young Alfred as a possible to focus on - and wrote to GT to see if we could help to contact any of his present day relatives.

We did! Amazingly, Jose Merriott, Alfred's 73-year-old granddaughter, still lives up the road in Abbey Wood. She's a keen reader of Greenwich Time and she got in touch.

Ivor, a second cousin she's never met (grandson of Beatrice, Alfred's sister), contacted the



young researchers through a family-tree website. The retired butcher and his wife, Pat, came over from Kent to join in the special Victorian assembly.

Many of the documented aspects of Alfred's life - and pictures emailed in by family and family-tree enthusiasts from all over the world - have helped the young 21st-

**AMAZING ANCESTORS:**  
Jose's grand-parents

century Plumstead citizens to get a real flavour of what life was like back then.

Jose's younger brother Dave sent some of the material from his present home in County Kerry, Ireland, and Jose told us: "Grandad died of cancer when I was 12, but I remember him, because he and our nan lived over the road from us. He was deaf. I remember his watch-chain, like in this photograph."

The Bannockburn History Club discovered that young Alfred lived at 12 Ceres Road - just behind the school - along with 17 other people (two families in one house).

The school, known then as High Street School, Plumstead, opened in January, 1893 - when he was aged 10. A governors' report dated December 1, 1894, declared: "Considering that this school is still new, the attainments of the scholars are very creditable."

Present day Bannockburn

pupils delighted in telling their visitors, however, that afternoon attendance had been extremely bad the year before when "Lord" George Sanger's circus came to Plumstead to perform where Brookdene Road is now.

Alfred married Sarah Collins in Woolwich in 1905, worked locally as a carpenter and joiner for Thomas and Edge, and finished up as clerk-of-works at the Royal Naval College in Greenwich. The couple had three daughters and Rene, their eldest, was Jose's mother.

History Club member Mark, aged 10, told GT: "I am really intrigued by history!" Aaliyah, also 10, added: "I joined the group after-school because we were learning about the Victorians in class - and I wanted to learn more."

Their club leader, Deborah O'Boyle, is thinking of running another group this summer to take a brief look at the history of Plumstead. "Then, this time next year, we might focus on 'Plumstead at War', because they'll be studying World War Two in their lessons," she told us.

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# Bogus Blue Badge drivers nabbed

## Joint operation nets ten illegal users

by Dick Townsend-Smith

A MAJOR crackdown has been carried out in Woolwich on drivers who pretend they are entitled to use a disabled person's Blue Badge when they park their cars.

Greenwich Council parking attendants, working alongside police officers, took part in a day's sweep of cars showing badges that were parked in 14 roads. The badges were then checked against the scheme's London-wide database. Of the 64 badges logged, 10 were being misused - including one that had belonged to a person who had died.

Five drivers were given parking fines, and four of the badges were seized.

The Blue Badge - which replaces the old orange badge - is a national scheme to help people with severe walking difficulties, as well as the people who drive them.

The rules say that someone can drive a disabled person to a supermarket or day centre, for example, and use the badge. They can also use it go back later to pick them up. But they are not allowed to use it for other purposes, such as getting a disabled person's medication, unless the official badge-holder is with them.

**'We are determined to help stamp out this misuse of blue badges, and will work with the local authority to ensure it happens'**



FIN TIME: Insp Gwyn with some of the badges which were seized

"People are using these badges when they shouldn't," said Cllr Maureen O'Mara, Greenwich Council's cabinet member for environment and community safety. "People

borrow them from a badge-holder and use them. Some are even photocopied or stolen. In Greenwich we have issued 9,500 Blue Badges, and there is a wholesale perception that there's a wide-scale abuse of the scheme. This sort of abuse is completely unfair for legitimate users, because the spaces they should be able to use for parking are being clogged up by people who have no right to be there."

Blue Badge user Alan Kerr said: "The scheme is subject to widespread abuse which

must be clamped down on and it is increasingly difficult for me to get a parking space, which on occasion has prevented me from being able to leave my vehicle."

Insp. Ivor Gwyn, who led the police team supporting the Woolwich crackdown on January 7, said there will be future clampdowns across the borough.

He added: "We are determined to help stamp out this misuse of blue badges, and will work with the local authority to ensure it happens."

## Green light for new Love Lane homes

A SCHEME to build 259 homes above the proposed Tesco supermarket in Love Lane, Woolwich, has been recommended for council approval.

The borough's Planning Board has now given the thumbs-up to build the homes, a high proportion of which will be classified as affordable for people at the low end of the property market.

Up to 960 new homes are earmarked for the wider site subject to detailed planning applications, of which 27 per cent will be on-site affordable housing.

Further family sized affordable housing will be provided off-site.

New residents will also get free membership of a car-club for the first five years that they live there.

Planning Board members

have given the green light to the overall design, external details and landscaping of Phase 2, which also includes a large retail store, smaller retail, food and drink units, a neighbourhood police office, and walkways.

The new Woolwich Tesco store is set to be one of the largest branches in south east London. The overall proposals to regenerate Love Lane - behind the old

Woolwich Post Office - involve the demolition of Peggy Middleton House, the old Greenwich Council offices.

• The new Woolwich Centre on Wellington Street - a sister scheme to the Eltham Centre in Archery Road - is due to open later this year. It will provide access to a range of council services all under one roof, as well as a new library, events gallery, cafe and meeting places.

## Borough BRIEFS

### Helpline needs volunteers

VOLUNTEERS are need for a new telephone bereavement service being set up by the Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospice. The new service will offer evening and weekend telephone support to family and friends bereaved by the death of a loved one who was cared for by the hospice. Volunteers are needed to give support to those in the first year of bereavement. The new telephone bereavement service will start on Monday, January 24, and will be formally launched to hospice staff, chaplains, volunteer counsellors and service-users on the 27th. Anthony Boland, head of social, psychological and spiritual care at the hospice said: "Our telephone bereavement service aims to make proactive contact every three months with all who have been bereaved for the first year after a death has occurred - simply to check out how they are doing."

• Call Anthony Boland on 020 8320 5829.

### HOPE FOR ALL FAMILY SUPPORT

A safe and confidential environment to help anyone affected by alcohol or drug-abuse is on offer every Wednesday evening in Woolwich.

The "HOPE" group meets in Anglesea Road, just a few yards up from Woolwich Arsenal Station, from 6-8pm. The initiative is funded by the borough's Drug & Alcohol Action Team, and HOPE tries to get family and friends of anyone having drug or drink-problems to support each other and talk over their experiences in an informal setting.

The group can also give advice and information about other support-services.

Find out more by leaving a message on 07946 210 387.

You can also get general information from Greenwich's User, Carer & Involvement Coordinator on 0208-921 2051 and from a freephone helpline on 0800 9555 013.

You can also visit the Greenwich Local Addiction Support Services (GLASS) website at <http://sites.google.com/site/serviceusergroup> or call 07866 547 337.

### MBE for former GAD chief

ANNE NOVIS was awarded an MBE in the Queen's New Year Honour's List.

Anne, who lives on the Eltham/Lee border was given the award in recognition of her services for disabled people in London. She is the former Chair of the Greenwich Association of Disabled people and is a campaigner against disabled hate crime. Anne, who lives in Horn Park Close, is also an adviser to the police and has fostered 23 children.

She told GT: "I was surprised and really chuffed when I heard the news. I had to keep it a secret and it was extremely hard not to tell anyone!"







# Letters

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## Solar really is so good

IT was interesting to read about council homes being installed with solar panels. Great to see the investment in this kind of technology for social housing.

Many private homeowners have been scared off, I believe, from investing in solar panels on their own homes as there is a growing belief that the panels could impact negatively upon property values. But why should this be



the case? Not only are they helping to reduce costs for households by providing a free source of

electricity, but as your article states it can also raise some valuable income by enabling you to sell back any excess energy to the National Grid. And wouldn't that be a nice change for news stories, especially at this time of year, of ever increasing gas and electricity prices.

And yes, it can often be expensive to install but with grants still available to help reduce the costs this surely has to be the

way to go.

Yet when you look round our borough very few households appear to have taken advantage. Perhaps, instead of making winter payments to pensioners, the Government could use the money to install panels on their homes? It has to make financial sense in the long run. Hopefully this will be something that changes in the near future.

Brian James, Woolwich

## Who's your top adult learner?

THIS year sees the 20th Adult Learners' Week. Since 1992 NIACE has celebrated the outstanding achievements of thousands of remarkable adults who have transformed their lives through learning. Whether it's to start a new career, help their children at school or discover a hidden talent, each and every year we come across some truly staggering stories that inspire other adults to improve their own lives through learning.

Nominations for this year's awards are open until Friday, January 28. Give your learners, or someone you know, the recognition they deserve for their incredible learning achievements. More details are available by calling NIACE on 0116 204 4200 or at [www.alw.org.uk](http://www.alw.org.uk). Everyone nominated for an award will receive a certificate.

Richard Crabb, Adult Learners' Week Team,  
NIACE, 21 De Montfort Street, Leicester LE1 7GE

## Demelza - the brilliant gem on our doorstep

IT was great to read about Demelza's children's hospice going from strength to strength thanks to the ongoing donations for local residents. One of my friends has a son who has personally benefitted from care at the hospice and the difference it has made to his life - and those of his family - is there for all to see. The staff at the centre are brilliant and whilst you can walk in there with the weight of the world on your shoulders, you'll very rarely come out of there with anything but a smile on your face. I hope local residents will continue to help support them so that families can continue to benefit from this local gem on our doorsteps.

A.R., Eltham

## Wish me luck as I try to kick the dirty habit again

I JUST wanted to say that I went along to the NHS quit smoking roadshow advertised in your paper and found it a great help. It is all too easy to make a resolution to quit at this time of year but then lack the will power to see it through. I should know - I've tried many times.

But I've signed up for my local support group sessions and together with nicotine patches and support from my friends and family I hope to kick the dirty habit this time! Whilst it is still early days I'm already planning what I will do with all the extra money I'll save if I

manage to wean myself off. Wish me luck because I really want to do it this time. My own best wishes go out to everyone in the same boat. We all know it's not easy.

Joan Simmons,  
Thamesmead

Good luck Joan! Ed

## Star letter corrections

APOLOGIES to last week's star letter writer Mrs Brownfield. Our version erroneously stated that she became a driver after working as a hairdresser. That should have been 'dinner lady'. And a typing error made it a work ethnic instead of work ethic. Ed.

OUR Star Letter writer will win two tickets to a Charlton Athletic match at The Valley for the 2010/11 season, so get writing! For information on 2010/11 season tickets please visit [www.cafc.co.uk](http://www.cafc.co.uk) or call 0871 226 1905.



## Pic Spot... send yours to [peter@cfjournals.demon.co.uk](mailto:peter@cfjournals.demon.co.uk)



SHARON DAVIDSON: 'Here's a picture I took in Charlton Cemetery, quite by chance!'

## Taxi for Dennis Wise

I read with great interest Kevin Nolan's report last week (January 11) on the situation with Charlton. It is great news that Chris Powell has got the job ahead of Dennis Wise. Powell is a legend from Charlton's glory days in the Premiership, and the man is Addicks through and through. He will be a popular appointment at the Valley and will bring a united front to the club. While he might not have too much experience in management, what he has done so far, he has done well.

Alan Edwards, SE7

MANY thanks to all readers who have submitted photos for the Pic Spot feature. We will try to feature them all. Ed



## Greenwich's GCSE grades among most improved

**'These results provide a positive base for students moving on to post 16 education, training or the world of work'**

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education, training or the world of work.  
"Praise also goes to our teachers and headteachers who share our vision of giving young people the best opportunities to realise their full potential, and who have worked so hard to drive up standards."



SUMMER SENSATION: one group of students celebrate their exam results last August

# One stop for support

by Pat Greenwood

**WOMEN experiencing domestic violence can get advice and guidance from a range of services at a new support group.**

Greenwich Domestic Violence Forum members have developed a new drop in service for anyone experiencing domestic abuse to give instant access to a solicitor, the police, housing advice and local advocacy services.

The One Stop Shop runs every Friday from 10am until 1pm at Brookhill Children's Centre on the Connaught Estate in Woolwich.

"We chose this time as women with children in school are able to come, and we chose Brookhill Children's Centre because, if they have younger children, then there is a crèche available," said Stacy Smith, director of the Her Centre, who is a member of the One Stop Shop planning group.

"This project has been put together from voluntary agencies and the Police and Greenwich Council, with support from Brookhill giving a free meeting room and crèche places."

Stacy added: "All the participants in the planning group are giving staff time for free to give advice, and the only cost will be the teas and biscuits."

The One Stop Shop will help anyone experiencing domestic abuse, from their partner, their children or from carers.

The main advisors are from the local women's refuges, Greenwich Women's Aid, ASRA Asian women's refuge, and Refuge, as well as Victim Support,

## New drop-in for victims of domestic violence

Tryangle Project, Her Centre, and Greenwich Council's resettlement team, who will cover the sessions on a rota basis. There will be police and a specialist solicitor available every session, and housing advice will be either in person or by phone.

Where people need more specialist advice - such as detailed benefits,

immigration or help with care services - they'll be signposted to the appropriate local organisation.

• **FIND out more by ringing Greenwich Women's Aid on 0208-317 8273. Find out where you can get more advice by visiting [www.greenwich.gov.uk/domesticviolence](http://www.greenwich.gov.uk/domesticviolence)**

## Women's health day invitation

A special fun and information day, themed 'Women's Health Matters!', is being held this Friday, January 21, at the Forum@Greenwich Community Centre in Trafalgar Road, SE10 9EQ. It starts at 10am in the Caledonian Hall upstairs, launched by the Mayor of Greenwich, Cllr Barbara Barwick. The event - co-ordinated by Greenwich Her Centre in conjunction with NHS Greenwich, and the Social Action for Health organisation - will feature speakers and information stands, as well as health checks, massage, and healthy lungs checks. Health professionals and nutritionists will be around to give informal advice. There will also be free refreshments. Other participants include the Metro



LEARNING TOGETHER: The centre's Tamil group on a health course

Centre on Greenwich High Road and the Greenwich MIND charity. To find out more ring Dorothy or Rinaani on 020-8858 0748 or email [dorothy@hercentre.org](mailto:dorothy@hercentre.org) or [rinaani.musutua@hercentre.org](mailto:rinaani.musutua@hercentre.org)

## Register your 2012 event

WITH Greenwich becoming a Royal Borough, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympic and Paralympic Games all taking place in 2012, next year is set to be a busy one for London and the borough. The increased activity across the capital means that public and emergency services must plan ahead to allocate resources to support events.

Organisers of events happening in the borough in 2012 - no matter how big or small - are asked to register their event with the council. Greenwich Council is responsible for collecting and recording information about all the events taking place in the borough in 2012.

Even if it's only a date and a brief outline of the planned activities please let the Council know before March 31, 2011. Especially important are any events held between May 1 and October 31, 2012.

Cllr John Fahy, member for culture and the Olympics said: "Greenwich will be the place to be in 2012. Whether you live here or travel in to experience the huge array of events taking place we want to ensure the wide array of planned events and celebrations can go ahead safely and we need to start planning now."

• You can let the council know about your event via email, at [jubilee-olympic-events@greenwich.gov.uk](mailto:jubilee-olympic-events@greenwich.gov.uk)

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# They love their afters!

## It's all go at the Millennium primary school activity clubs

by Peter Cordwell

**THERE'S never a dull moment at Millennium Primary School on the Greenwich Peninsula - and don't think things start to wind down after school.**

That's when the school's activity clubs swing into action - from the studious to the sporty.

Some learn Mandarin Chinese or study chess or ICT while others get up a sweat playing rugby, hockey, Taekwondo and football.

Then there's a wide range, of music, art, dance and drama options. In dance alone they can opt for ballet, streetdance or a club run by the Greenwich Dance Agency.

"Millennium is renowned for its creative ethos and 'whole child' approach," said headteacher Jon Goulding. "It's all about inspiring them to find out what they really like and what they're good at."

Rugby enthusiast Izaak Laskey, from Year 3, told GT: "I love playing rugby and scoring tries."

Scrum-mate Teilo Rogers, from Year 4, added: "I joined the after-

school rugby club and now I play for Blackheath Rugby Club at weekends. I love it."

Year 5 pupil Aida Mamedova said: "Our teacher makes chess really fun. I want to enter the inter-schools chess tournament next year. Some of us were winners last time."

Aida's mum Inga added: "Preparing for the chess tournaments is really good for the children. They have to be organised and disciplined. Then have to be well behaved on the day as they are representing the school."

Sister and brother Maia and

Theo Bourrelly, from Years 4 and 1 respectively, gets their kicks in Taekwondo. Theo said: "It's hard work but fun. I'm in the Tigers group." Big sister Maia said: "You have to concentrate really hard but it's still fun."

Parent and school governor Jacqui Perseval said: "The choice of activities has never been wider and children and parents have the opportunity to suggest new clubs that interest them. The clubs broaden the children's horizons and encourages them to consider new interests they might not otherwise have thought of. This is reinforced by regular demonstrations for the rest of the school in assembly."

"The programme is also valued by working parents because the children enjoy their after-school time so much. In fact it's difficult to extract them from the building at the end of the day!"

● **AFTER-school activities at Greenwich primary and secondary schools are buzzing. And there is also plenty to do at other times of the week. Check out: [www.greenwich.gov.uk/teenagers](http://www.greenwich.gov.uk/teenagers)**

**It's all about inspiring them to find out what they really like and what they're good at**



NICE POSE: all grace and poise at the ballet



NICE TRY: it's all action in the rugby game

## It's all over the borough

AS part of the extended schools programme, all primary schools in Greenwich are offering access to after-school activities and childcare.

There is a huge variety of different activities on offer across the borough including dance, drama, arts and crafts, sports and physical activities, special interest clubs, music tuition, modern foreign languages, volunteering and business and enterprise activities.

Usually, a session will run for around an hour and many schools are also offering similar activities before school and at lunchtime. Greenwich Secondary schools also offer a wide range of out-of-school activities.

After school playclubs offer primary school children the chance to play, do homework and relax with friends in a supervised setting, overseen by trained and experienced play workers. Children can choose from the activities on offer which may include indoor and outdoor games, physical activities such as sports or dance, project work around particular topics using computers, maps or music, cultural and creative play such as art, craft and cookery, role play and drama activities and much more.

After school clubs are only available during term time and parents are normally required to collect their children by 6pm

although some after school clubs are open later.

Registered childminders can offer a before and after school and holiday childcare service, in a home setting that has been assessed to ensure it is safe and healthy for children. They can care for school-aged children and their younger siblings in one place and may be able to provide extended hours of care. Registered childminders have undertaken training and can offer a flexible childcare service. For further information about registered childminding and childminder places, contact the Greenwich Families Information Service on 020-8921 6921 or email [fis@greenwich.gov.uk](mailto:fis@greenwich.gov.uk)



NICE MOVE: a Millennium pupil gets to grips with chess





PLAYING IN THE RAIN:  
the band belts out  
the music at the  
annual trees  
dressing on the  
Ferrier estate

# All dressed up and somewhere to go

## 'Community' the theme for Ferrier ceremony

by Pat Greenwood

**FERRIER friends from far and near flocked to the estate for the fourth annual festive 'tree dressing'.**

The ancient ceremony to celebrate neighbourliness and the environment had been scheduled for early December - but the snow was too deep.

Heavy rain came down instead on the January procession, but nothing dampened the enthusiasm for the fun and for this year's theme of 'community'.

Once again, council tree surgeons had helped organisers by hanging decorations in Telemann Square.

As always, Helen Nicholas, the community development worker at Greenwich Community College - one of the annual event's main organisers - had encouraged children at local schools and youth clubs and their parents to get fully involved.

They knitted and crocheted 'textile art' jackets for the tree trunks this time, as well as thinking up community pledges to display from the branches. They also made the lanterns for the traditional procession.

The Ferrier Estate and its surrounding area is currently undergoing one of Europe's biggest regeneration programmes.

Hundreds have moved away already and the rest are awaiting rehousing.

Developers Berkeley Homes and

their regeneration partners Southern Housing Group supported the event once again, and families came back from across the borough to celebrate in their old community.

Mum-of-three Lara Olanrewaju, who moved off Ferrier to a three-bedroomed house in Charlton back in April, was at the parade with her two youngest girls aged six and three.

Lara told GT: "I have a bigger place to live now and I like it - but we're over here almost every day because my children go to Holy Family Primary School, and I still feel part of this community."

"My little one's pledge message for the tree said: 'We are missing Sutcliffe Park because that is where we go jogging with mummy'."

Despite the rain, Mayor of Greenwich Barbara Barwick and Cllr Steve Offord, the council's cabinet member for housing, both joined the lantern procession around the square.

Later, at the community centre party, there was steel band music and singing from pupils at nearby Thomas Tallis secondary school.

The Mayor, whose children went to the school, told everyone: "When I first came on here tonight, I was taken back a few years."

She thanked everyone who had produced pledges for the trees, and she said how lucky the borough is to have such a range of different communities.

Cllr Offord told GT: "Despite the fact that we are rebuilding this estate and hope to rebuild the



BRAVE FACES: young ladies get in the spirit despite the weather

community, there is still a very well-integrated community here on the Ferrier - and the council wants to do everything it can to maintain its support for that."

Residents attending the event also enjoyed fireworks, and the procession was again led by the Valentinos street-band.

Other loyal supporters of the event include Kidbrooke Vietnamese Chinese Supplementary School and the local Superkidz church youth group, as well as Greenwich Community Food Co-op which handed out fruit again on the night.

There was also free vegetable soup from by Guarida Café, a local social enterprise.



## PENNY WISE TO NEW STANDARDS

A NEW director of care services has been appointed at Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospice in Abbey Wood. Penny Jones (above) brings with her more than 20 years of nursing and managerial experience in palliative care, including three years as deputy director of nursing at St Christopher's Hospice in Sydenham. She told GT: "My new role at the hospice will enable me to continue to make a real difference to patients, their families and the staff I work with ensuring that high standards of care, support and

communication are met. "I am committed and passionate about nursing and specialist palliative care." The appointment comes at a time when the hospice is providing more care to more patients than ever before. It has expanded its services in recent years, and is now responsible for all of the specialist palliative care in the boroughs of Greenwich and Bexley. The hospice is a registered charity providing specialist care and support services for people with life-limiting illnesses, as well as support for their families and carers.

## Wild evening

JOANNE Smith, senior warden of the Greenwich Peninsula Ecology Park, will give the Friends of Greenwich Park's Winter Wildlife Lecture this year. Her illustrated talk on the development of the ecology park will be held in the theatre of Blackheath High School, 27 Vanbrugh Park, Blackheath, on Thursday, January 20, at 7.30 for 8pm. Tickets costing £5 and include a glass of wine and are available from FOGP, 3 Orchard Drive, Blackheath (020-8852 8831). Tickets also available on the door.

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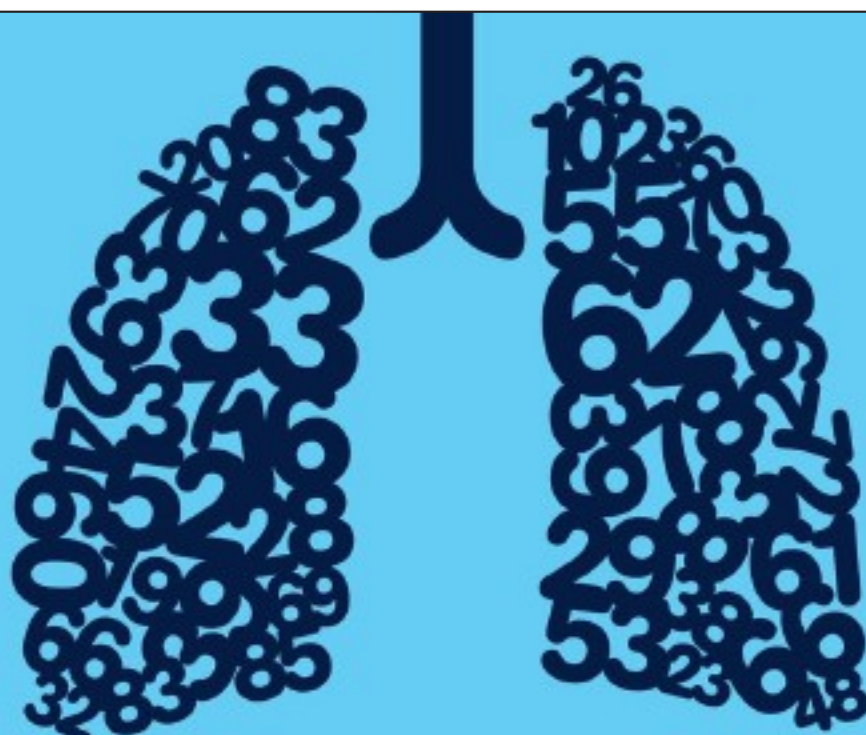
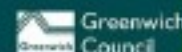
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ASDA, Charlton

**Wednesday - 9.30am-5pm**  
Eltham High Street (behind LIDL)

**Saturday - 11am-5.30pm**  
Woolwich High Street (next to M&S)





## Spring facelift for station access

ACCESS to Plumstead Railway Station is being freshened up for the spring, thanks to Greenwich Council.

Work started just before Christmas to improve the footway outside, upgrade the signs, add some seating in the area, and install cycle-stands which will be covered by the station's CCTV cameras. The council, working in conjunction with

the transport companies, and 'Seltrans' (South East London Transport Strategy) - the partnership involving south east London boroughs and user-groups - got agreement for some old shops there to be demolished to make way for the new scheme. The new-look station approach is scheduled to be ready by the end of next month. Cllr Maureen O'Mara, Greenwich

Council's cabinet member for environment and community safety, said: "Works like this, along with the new housing going up, are part of the bigger plan to give the area a face-lift."

"The building work currently going on outside the station will give real improvements for commuters and local residents alike." She added: "I particularly welcome the additional cycle-

stands that are proposed. They will, hopefully, give owners additional peace-of-mind because they will be within the surveillance range of the CCTV system on the station."

● **THANKS** to Seltrans, the pallisade fencing around the patio site will be dismantled at the end of the job and reused by Network Rail, saving an estimated £5,000 for future projects.

# High-flying fund-raisers

by Hilary Bryan

## Charity workers take the plunge

**CHARITY** workers who support people with mental health needs are starting the new year on a high - approximately 12,000 feet up.

The four workers are all set for a fundraising skydive in aid of the Bridge mental health project.

The registered charity supports adults with mental health needs in Greenwich and other SE London boroughs by offering a range of projects which help bridge the gap between hospital and residential care to independent living.

It provides care and support to people in their own homes in partnership with a range of local authorities including Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust and Greenwich Council.

Fundraisers hope to raise £5,000 to help them expand services for more people.

The sky-diving team will be jumping out of a plane over Ashford, Kent, on Friday, January 28. They include the charity's operations and resource manager, Karen McNamara; financial controller Orla Morris; floating support manager Vicki Judge and Gemma Sheehy.

Orla, who came up with the idea for the skydive, explained: "It's on my list of



**FEARLESS FOURSOME:** l-r Gemma, Karen, Vicki and Orla drum up support for their fundraising jump

things I'd like to do and when I think about it I feel a bit sick but my attitude is 'I'm not going to think about it.' I have a brother with spina bifida who did a jump and if he can do it so can I."

Colleague Karen added: "Skydiving from 12,000 feet in January, will, needless to say, be very scary and very cold! The recent snow has given everyone a taster

of how cold it will be up there, but we'll be experiencing it at approximately 120mph!"

● **To sponsor the team visit the Bridge website at [www.bridgementalhealth.org](http://www.bridgementalhealth.org) or get updates at their Twitter and facebook pages @BridgeMH and [www.facebook.com/bridge-mental-health](http://www.facebook.com/bridge-mental-health)**

## Minds on mental health at advice fair

**INFORMATION** about care facilities and therapies centred on mental well being will be available at a special event next month.

The Mental Well-being Fair takes place at Woolwich Town Hall on Friday, February 11, from 10am to 5pm.

The free event has been organised to raise awareness of the importance of mental well-being. It also aims to make people aware of local

therapies and care and the range of local services and resources on offer across the borough.

Information stalls from a number of different organisations will be available on the day including stalls run by: Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust, NHS and Greenwich Community Health Services, South London Health Care Trust, Volunteer Centre Greenwich, The Shaw Trust,

Beresford Project, The Point and Greenwich Time to Talk Stallholders will be offering information and advice on a variety of subjects which will include: Learning difficulties, Employment Volunteering, Health walks Dyslexia, Healthy eating, Safeguarding, Sports opportunities, Depression, Sport and Stress. Food will also be available throughout the day. Cllr Peter Kotz, Greenwich

Council's cabinet member for health, adults and older people, said: "Equally as important as eating healthily and exercising regularly is looking after our mental well-being."

"This event is a great opportunity for residents to find out about the range of services and resources available to them in the borough and I hope everybody takes the opportunity to come down."

## MEPS & GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY MEMBERS

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5895 to register for a surgery (lines are open Monday-Thursday 10am-12pm & 2-4pm).

2nd & 4th Fridays of the month, 7pm at

32 Woolwich Road, Greenwich SE10 0JU.

2nd Saturday of the month, 11am at

Charlton House, Charlton Road, Charlton SE7 8RE.

2nd Saturday of the month, 2pm at West Greenwich House, 141 Greenwich High Road, Greenwich SE10 8JA.

4th Saturday of the month: 11am at the Barnfield Project, Oak House, Barnfield Road SE18 3UH.

4th Saturday of the month, 2pm at Woolwich Town Hall, Wellington Street, Woolwich SE18 6PW.

### ELTHAM

Clive Efford (Lab) Call for an appointment at the following monthly surgeries on 020-8850 5744 between 11am and 3pm Mon-Fri.

1st Tues: Anstridge Community Centre, Anstridge Rd. SE9, 11am-12.30pm

1st Fri: Horn Park Community Centre, 96 Sibthorpe Road, 11am-12.30pm

2nd Fri: Slade Hall, Pendrell Street, 6pm

2nd Sat: St Mary's Community Centre, Eltham High Street, 10am and 4th

Friday out of the month at 6pm.

3rd Tues: Middle Park Community Centre, 150 Middle Park Avenue, 11am-12.30pm

3rd Fri: Coldharbour Neighbourhood office, library entrance, William

Barefoot Drive, 11am.

4th Sat: Shrewsbury House, 10am,

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Four advice surgeries each month: the 1st

Saturday of the month in Thamesmead,

the 2nd Saturday of the month in Erith,

the 3rd Friday of the month in

Northumberland Heath and the 4th Friday

of the month in Abbey Wood.

### GLA MEMBER

Len Duvall (Lab) is the GLA member for

Greenwich and Lewisham. Please write to

Len Duvall, GLA, City Hall, Queen's

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## COUNCIL MEETINGS

THE following meetings are taking place over the next few days in the Town Hall, Wellington Street (unless otherwise stated).

Jan 20 - Eltham Local Housing Panel, 7pm, St Mary's Community Centre, SE9.

Jan 25 - Cabinet, 7pm; Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Panel, 7pm; Long Walk Housing Panel, 7pm.

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**LONDON BOROUGH OF GREENWICH**  
**The Greenwich (Woolwich Arsenal) (Parking Places)**  
**(Amendment No. 4) Order 2011**

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Greenwich Borough Council proposes to make the above-mentioned Order under sections 45, 46, 49 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.
2. The general effect of the Order would be to correct an administrative error in the Greenwich (Woolwich Arsenal) (Parking Places) Order 2006 with regards to the residents-only parking places in Market Street so as to prohibit "Blue Badge" holders from parking in those places without the requirement to display a resident's permit or visitor's voucher. This would make the controls at these parking places consistent with those across the rest of the borough.
3. A copy of the proposed Order and other documents giving more detailed particulars of the Order are available for inspection during normal office hours until the end of six weeks from the date on which the Order is made or, as the case may be, the Council decides not to make the Order, at the Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise and Skills, Strategic Transportation, Greenwich Council, Crown Building, 48 Woolwich New Road, SE18 6HQ.
4. Further information may be obtained by telephoning Strategic Transportation on 020 8921 5572.
5. Any person who wishes to object to or make other representations about the proposed Order should send a statement in writing, specifying the grounds on which any objection is made, to the Council's agents: Traffic Orders Team, Project Centre, 140 St Cross Street, London, EC1N 8QJ (quoting reference POL/THC/P/10174), to arrive by 18 February 2011.
6. Persons objecting to the proposed Order should be aware that in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, this Council would be legally obliged to make any comments received in response to this notice, open to public inspection.

Assistant Director, Strategic Transportation  
Crown Building  
48 Woolwich New Road  
SE18 6HQ

Dated 18<sup>th</sup> January 2011  
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**LONDON BOROUGH OF GREENWICH**  
**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984—SECTION 14(1)**  
**GREENS END—TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE**

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Greenwich Borough Council intends to make an Order to facilitate carriageway works in Green's End. The effect of the Order would be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, proceeding or waiting (including waiting for the purposes of loading or unloading) in Green's End between its junctions with Thomas Street and Powis Street, between the hours of:
  - (a) 7.00 pm on any one day being Monday to Friday inclusive and 7.00 am the following day; and
  - (b) 7.00 pm on any Saturday and 7.00 am on the following Monday.
2. The above prohibitions would only apply at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by the placing of the appropriate traffic signs. Vehicular access to properties affected by these works would be maintained whenever possible subject to the extent and operation of the works.
3. Whilst the road closure is in operation, affected traffic in Powis Street, upon reaching the junction with Green's End, would be diverted left into Barnard Square and then into Barnard Street (Q206), Woolwich High Street, John Wilson Street (Q205) and then Wellington Street (Q210).
4. The Order would come into force on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2011 and would continue in force for up to 18 months, or until the works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. However, it is expected that the works would take approximately four weeks to complete.
5. Queries concerning these works should be directed to Greenwich Council's Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise & Skills on 020 8921 6461.

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**Notice of Application for a Premises**  
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**Licensing Act 2003**

Notice is given that **LEONIE VANGA** has applied for the **GRANT** of a Premises Licence for the following premises:

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A record of this application may be inspected by appointment at: Trading Standards Department, Riverside House, Woolwich High Street, London, SE18 6DN (telephone number 020 8921 8018).

Interested parties may make representations to the Council on this application by no later than **5TH FEBRUARY 2011**. All representations must be made in writing. Representations can only be made on the grounds of one of the four licensing objectives, namely:

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**LONDON BOROUGH OF GREENWICH**  
**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984—SECTION 14(1)**  
**OGILBY STREET—TEMPORARY ROAD AND FOOTWAY**  
**CLOSURE**

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Greenwich Borough Council intends to make an Order to facilitate stone works in Ogilby Street. The effect of the Order would be to temporarily prohibit:
  - (a) any vehicle from entering, exiting or proceeding in Ogilby Street, and
  - (b) any person from proceeding on the south-western footway of Ogilby Street, between the north-western wall of No. 23 Frances Street and a point 24 metres south-west of that wall.
2. The above road and footway closures would only apply at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by the placing of the appropriate traffic signs.
3. Whilst the road closure is in operation, affected vehicular traffic would be diverted via Dairy Lane, Ribout Street and Frances Street and vice versa and pedestrian traffic would be diverted via the north-western footway of Ogilby Street.
4. The Order would come into force on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2011 and would continue in force for up to 18 months, or until the works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. However, it is expected that the works would take approximately one day to complete.
5. Queries concerning these works should be directed to Greenwich Council's Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise & Skills on 020 8921 6340.

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A SURVEY has shown that nearly a quarter of people in South-East London tolerate eye problems rather than visit an optician. The poll was carried out by the Eye Love My Local Independent Optician campaign, which is encouraging people to visit their local optician for regular check-ups. Almost half of the 3,000 people surveyed said that they would only go to an optician if they had a problem with their eyesight, while others admitted that even painful headaches would not get them to have an eye-test. Campaign spokesman Paul Surridge said: "It's worrying that even painful headaches aren't enough to force people into going for an eye test. I'd urge anyone who hasn't had their eyes examined in the last two years to get in touch with their local independent optician." To find your nearest independent optician, visit: [www.eyelovelocal.co.uk](http://www.eyelovelocal.co.uk)

# Make lotto bid for Queen's jubilee

Up to £60,000 available to projects

by Pat Greenwood

**ARE you a community group seeking cash to improve your local area in time to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee?**

Then 60 could be your lucky number! Now's your chance to bid for up to £60,000 to spend before Jubilee Year 2012. But you only have until February 4 to do it.

Details of how to apply can be found on [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk) or by phoning 0845 10 20 30.

New and existing voluntary or community organisations, schools, councils and health organisations are all eligible to apply.

It was exactly one year ago that GT was the first newspaper to announce that this will be 'The Royal Borough of Greenwich' from 2012.

Her Majesty the Queen has bestowed the new status to take effect in the year of her Diamond Jubilee. So getting some of the money here will be even more special.

The bidding competition is called 'The Jubilee People's Millions', and it's being run in partnership with ITV and with the approval of Buckingham Palace.

ITV and the Big Lottery Fund will use a low cost telephone number. ITV and Big Lottery do not make a profit from the voting telephone numbers.

Sixty Lottery grants are up for grabs across the UK from a £3.6million funding-pot - that's four awards in each of the 15 ITV regions.

The competition is open to groups with ideas for community-based projects that improve places or the lives of local people.

In early June, a shortlist of projects will be showcased on ITV regional news and then the public will vote to decide which projects receive the funding. The winning schemes will be up and running in time for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year, 2012.

• Full details of the Big Lottery and its grant awards are available at: [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk) And if you are planning to organise an event in 2012, don't forget to let the council know by emailing [jubilee-olympic-events@greenwich.gov.uk](mailto:jubilee-olympic-events@greenwich.gov.uk) see 'Register your event in 2012' diary on p5.

The Jubilee People's Millions builds on the success of The People's Millions, which has been running since 2005.

It involves the public voting on which local projects should receive lottery funding for good causes.

**ELTHAM COMMON**  
**Parish of Shooter's Hill**  
**London Borough of Greenwich**

London Borough of Greenwich has applied to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for consent under section 38 of the Commons Act 2006 (section 23(2) of the National Trust Act 1971) (article 12 of The Ministry of Housing and Local Government Provisional Order Confirmation (Greater London Parks and Open Spaces) Act 1967) to carry out restricted works on Eltham Common.

The proposed works are: Formation of new hard and soft play areas consisting of playground (245 sq m), multi-use games area (858 sq m), soft/grass play area (560 sq m) and new planting (55 sq m and 48 sq m). All areas to be enclosed by fencing (2.1/2.1m high green mesh) and railings (1.5m high painted metal) with gates. A new footpath will be formed from Shooter's Hill Road alongside the existing school to the school and new play areas.

A copy of the application form and map showing the proposed works can be inspected at Eltham Centre Library, Archery Road, Eltham, SE9 1HR between the hours of 10.00am and 4.00pm weekdays (not public holidays) until the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 2011.

Any objections or representations should be sent in writing ON or BEFORE that date to the Planning Inspectorate at Room 4/05, 150 Wing, Temple Quay House, 1 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN.

Letters sent to the Planning Inspectorate cannot be treated as confidential. They will be copied to the applicant and possibly to other interested parties.

 **Greenwich Council**

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# We're all cou



## Help shape tomorrow

**G**REENWICH Council is counting on residents to help in planning for the future by taking part in the Census this spring.

Every ten years the population of England and Wales is counted in a national census and everyone in Greenwich is being urged to stand up and be counted.

March 27 is national census day when everyone will be asked to complete a questionnaire. The Census is sent to every household in the country and residents can expect to see a purple form drop onto the doormat in March. It asks how many people are in the home and some questions about their lifestyles. Everyone who's there on Census Day, March 27 - even overnight visitors - have to fill it in.

The information collected will give a snapshot of life in England and Wales but the census stats go way beyond that. The information gathered will be used to decide how much funding an area needs and where that money should be spent - which is why it's so important everyone in Greenwich fills in their questionnaire. The census is the best way to learn about people and their needs and the details they give will be used to plan for future services such as health, education and housing so it's a vital resource. For example, if a census shows a lot of babies in one area then that shows a need for more school places in the near future. A lot of commuters show a need for careful transport planning.

Greenwich Council's deputy leader, Councillor Peter Brooks is overseeing the 2011 Census in Greenwich. He told GT: "We need everyone in Greenwich to fill in their purple census form, due to come through the door in March. This is because every person counted means more funding comes to Greenwich, and at a time when budgets for services are being slashed this has never been more important. The council doesn't see the forms, nor does the government - the answers are completely confidential. So make sure you don't ignore your purple form!"

Some worry about how the data is used but it's actually against the law for the information to be shared outside the Office for National Statistics, which operates the census. So nobody - not the council, not the government, will see what people write on their forms, in fact the answers are protected by law and stay completely confidential for 100 years!



**'We need everyone in Greenwich to fill in their purple census form, this is because every person counted means more funding comes to Greenwich'**

Residents can take part in the census by completing their forms on March 27 and returning them in the pre-paid envelope. Or, for the first time, you can fill it in online using the code on the front of the form.

There is help available if you need assistance filling in your form. It has to be done in English but translated booklets will also be available telling people how to do this if English is not their first language.

• For more information contact [census@greenwich.gov.uk](mailto:census@greenwich.gov.uk) or go online at [www.greenwich.gov.uk/census](http://www.greenwich.gov.uk/census) or [www.2011.census.gov.uk](http://www.2011.census.gov.uk)



# Counting on you

How by joining national population survey



## Making census of the past

FRANCES Ward, the Education Officer at Greenwich Heritage Centre on the Royal Arsenal site at Woolwich, said: "Historically, the census gives us a 'snapshot' of the community on the particular date it is taken. It helps us with where people lived, and their relationship to one another within a particular household - for instance, how many grandmothers and grandfathers were living with other family-members. It also shows what job people did, how far they had travelled from their place-of-birth to find work, the size of different families. In short, things about individuals which would never otherwise be known. It's a valuable tool for both demographers and social historians."



# Census champions help you get on form

by Pat Greenwood

TENANTS volunteers say they're happy to help fellow residents with what is probably the most important piece of paperwork this decade.

One of the borough's newest community centres in Nesbit Road, Eltham, is gearing up for the task already.

Lee Abbott is Chair of the management committee of the community centre named Turning Pages Across the Ages. She said: "Here at 'Turning Pages', our volunteers are going to be trained by the council in order to help people with filling in the census."

Lee, who is also the Chair of her local Eltham Housing Panel, says panel members will be learning more details about the census at their next panel meeting on Thursday, January 20, at St Mary's Community Centre in Eltham High Street.

The long-time Eltham resident told GT: "It is extremely important to fill out the census. I remember doing what was probably my first one back in 1971 - and I've always filled mine out ever since."

"It gives an idea of the diversity of the people who live in a particular area - for instance, how many children, how many older people there are - and those figures get used as statistics."



HELP AT HAND: Lee Abbott's tenants group will help fellow residents

"If people don't fill it in, we'd lose out on the little bit of funding that Greenwich Council gets from central government - and that affects us all. "And, apart from everything else, the census down the ages helps us trace who are ancestors were!" GARY Wells, who served for four years as the Chair of the Borough-Wide Housing Panel until 2010, is Vice-Chair of his local Coldharbour Tenants' and Residents' Association in Eltham and Vice Chair of the local 'Safer Neighbourhoods' team of Police, police

community support officers (PCSOs), council and local people.

He said: "I haven't heard about the plans to help people fill out the census yet - but it's something we'd look at here on Coldharbour and try to accommodate."

Gary told GT: "It's very important to fill in the census. It's how you keep accurate records, and it also helps the finances, housing grants etc, in any borough. The details recorded on there must be kept up-to-date."

He added: "I remember thinking it was all a bit 'Big Brother', having to fill it in when I was young - wanting to know exactly who was living in a house at any one time - but, as you get older, you realise the importance of doing the census."





# GreenwichHomes

Greenwich Council's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Edition 219

## How the lettings policy works

Housing applicants are placed within 'Bands' according to the Council's policy for letting homes. Your band information is on the letter that the Council sent you when you registered, or when your circumstances changed.

Property adverts say which band can apply and any other criteria. When all the bids are received, the property is then offered to:

**For properties advertised for band A and band B** - the applicant who has had this priority status for the longest time.  
**For properties advertised for band C applicants** - the applicant who has been registered on the Council's list for the longest time.

### Band

- A** is for applicants in unsatisfactory housing, including people moving due to demolition and those underoccupying their homes.
- B** is for applicants the council must prioritise according to the law, particularly homeless people, and others with an urgent need to move for medical or welfare reasons.
- C** is for all applicants on the housing register, including those that are in priority bands A and B.

## How do I apply?

### Get on the list

First, you've got to be on the housing waiting list to join the scheme. If you're not, get an application form by phoning the Access and Allocations Section on 020 8921 2941. Or pick up a form from any neighbourhood office.

### Find your applicant number

It will be on the letter you've already had from the Council about the new scheme. You'll need that number and the reference number of the property you're after, which will be on the advert.

### Pick out your ideal property

by looking in Greenwich Time or regularly checking the website:

[www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes](http://www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes)

Click on your preference on the website. If you don't have a computer, you can always use one for free in either your neighbourhood housing office, library or UK Online centre.

### Apply in one of two ways

- Phone the 24-hour hotline 020 8921 4340. It's an automatic push-button system and calls will be charged at the normal local rate, or
- Via the Council's website

[www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes](http://www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes)

The next edition of GreenwichHomes will be available on **Wednesday 26 January 2011 at midday** and will include any Housing Association properties when available. Closing date for all applications for this issue is midnight on **Sunday 23 January 2011**

## 24-hour hotline

The Greenwich Homes (Choice Based Lettings) Telephone Bidding Line is available in:  
English 020 8921 4340

Greenwich Homes (locations « au choix ») Ligne téléphonique de demande disponible en français en composant le :  
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**Choice hotline 020 8921 4340**

# GreenwichHomes

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Only priority  
applicants can  
apply



Ref Number: 86228  
**Leamington Court**  
**Restell Close SE3**  
1 Bed 1st Floor Flat  
Lifted Ent ph Over 30's  
Rad C/H 1alloc pkg  
**£107.42pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 110220  
**De Havilland Drive**  
**Cambridge Row**  
**SE18**  
3 Bed 1st Floor Mals  
Unlifted Rad C/H  
**£139.47pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 123133  
**Strongbow Crescent**  
**SE9**  
2 Bed 7th Floor Flat  
Lifted Rad C/H  
No Pkg  
**£84.95pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 123249  
**Southend Crescent**  
**SE9**  
1 Bed 1st Floor Flat  
Unlifted Entry phone  
Rad C/H  
**£80.33pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 123333  
**Queenscroft Road**  
**SE9**  
2 Bed 1st Floor Flat  
Gdn Unlifted  
Rad C/H No Pkg  
**£84.39pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 123510  
**Graham House**  
**Con Dover Cres SE18**  
2 Bed 2nd Floor Flat  
Unlifted Rad C/H  
**£85.85pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 124152  
**Cavatina Point**  
**Bridge Walk SE8**  
3 Bed 3rd Fl. Flat Lifted  
Ent. ph Elec. Rad No pets  
Max 2 child under 10.  
**£163.36pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 124172  
**Cavatina Point**  
**Bridge Walk SE8**  
3 Bed 3rd Fl. Flat Lifted  
Ent ph Elec. Rad No pets  
Max 2 child any age.  
**£151.57pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 124173  
**Cavatina Point**  
**Bridge Walk SE8**  
2 Bed 3rd Fl. Flat Lifted  
Ent. ph Elec. Rad No pets  
Single / couple only  
**£136.35pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 124175  
**Cavatina Point**  
**Bridge Walk SE8**  
3 Bed 4th Fl. Flat Lifted  
Ent. ph. Elec. Rad No pets  
Max 2 child over 10yrs.  
**£151.67pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 124178  
**Cavatina Point**  
**Bridge Walk SE8**  
2 Bed 4th Floor Flat  
Lifted Entry phone  
Elec Rad. No pets  
**£136.08pw** Bands A&B

## Bands A&B priority applicants

Fewer Bands A&B priority applicants  
have been bidding for advertised properties  
in recent weeks.

**Please note that if you  
do not bid on a regular  
basis you risk losing your priority status.**

Please contact the office if you need help in bidding.

## Important Notice

Please note the closing date to register your bids for advertised  
properties will be **every Sunday at midnight.**

## Sheltered Housing

If you are 55 or over then you may consider  
sheltered housing provided by the Council or housing  
association. Sheltered blocks have a Scheme Manager  
on hand to provide help and support if needed.  
Sheltered housing is a good option for older people  
who can live independently, but would feel more  
secure within this environment.



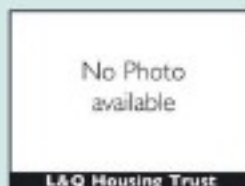
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## GreenwichHomes

Greenwich Council's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Anyone on the housing list can apply for these

Rsl allocations policy applies to **Housing Association** properties



Ref Number: 98284  
**Brittain Court  
Shrubsall CI SE9**  
1 Bed Grnd Floor Flat  
Elec Rad Over 30's  
L/Access shower  
**£84.32pw** Band C



Ref Number: 120778  
**Gildersome Street SE18**  
2 Bed 3rd Floor Flat  
Lifted Entry phone  
Rad C/H  
**£78.46pw** Band C



Ref Number: 122820  
**Barnfield Gdns SE18**  
3 Bed 1st Floor Flat  
Unlifted Entry phone  
Rad C/H  
Min 2 child any age  
**£89.64pw** Band C



Ref Number: 122899  
**Ruddstreet Close SE18**  
1 Bed Grnd Floor Flat  
Lifted Entry phone  
Comm Gas Htg  
**£79.49pw** Band C



Ref Number: 123135  
**Sunbury Street SE18**  
1 Bed 2nd Floor Flat  
Lifted Entry phone  
Rad C/H No Pkg  
**£72.08pw** Band C



Ref Number: 123214  
**John Wilson Street SE18**  
1 Bed 6th Floor Flat  
Lifted  
Comm Gas Htg  
**£83.06pw** Band C



Ref Number: 123489  
**Sewell Road SE2**  
2 Bed 1st Floor Flat  
Unlifted Entry phone  
Gas Fire & Rad C/H  
Min 1 child any age  
**£77.89pw** Band C



Ref Number: 123617  
**Bostall Hill SE2**  
Bedsit 2nd Floor Flat  
Unlifted Entry phone  
Rad C/H  
**£66.34pw** Band C



Ref Number: 123911  
**Webb Court Attlee Road SE28**  
2 Bed 6th Floor Flat  
Lifted Entry phone  
Rad C/H No dogs  
**£91.06pw** Band C



Ref Number: 123981  
**Whinchat Road SE28**  
1 Bed 2nd Floor Flat  
Lifted Entry phone  
Rad C/H No dogs  
**£89.21pw** Band C



Ref Number: 124179  
**Cavatina Point Bridge Walk SE8**  
3 Bed 5th Fl Flat Lifted  
Ent ph Elec Rad No pets  
Max 3 child any age  
**£151.67pw** Band C



Ref Number: 124181  
**Cavatina Point Bridge Walk SE8**  
3 Bed 6th Fl Flat Lifted  
Ent ph Elec Rad No pets  
Must be employed  
**£157.63pw** Band C



Ref Number: 124183  
**Cavatina Point Bridge Walk SE8**  
2 Bed 6th Fl Flat Lifted  
Ent ph Elec Rad No pets  
Pref. couple/single sharers  
**£136.31pw** Band C



Ref Number: 124191  
**Cavatina Point Bridge Walk SE8**  
3 Bed 7th Fl Flat Lifted  
Ent ph Elec Rad No pets  
Max 3 child any age  
**£151.64pw** Band C



Ref Number: 124192  
**Cavatina Point Bridge Walk SE8**  
3 Bed 7th Fl Flat Lifted  
Ent ph Elec Rad No pets  
Max 2 child over 10 yrs  
**£152.04pw** Band C

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**For information or assistance** contact our

Allocations Team on:

020 8921 2941 Textphone  
(minicom): 020 8921 2996

Email: **housing-allocations**

**@greenwich.gov.uk**

Fax: 020 8854 7212



Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

# GreenwichHomes

Greenwich Council's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

## Sheltered / Retirement Housing

Sheltered Housing provides independence in a secure and friendly environment. Each Sheltered Scheme has a Scheme Manager who is the main source of support. There is 24 hour cover from the Telecare Service. The age criteria is over 60 years, but we can consider people over 55 years with a support need. If you are interested in Sheltered housing please ring **0208 921 2941. All applications are subject to a Sheltered Housing Assessment.**



**Our current vacancies include;**  
(several of which are ready for immediate letting)

### One Person Properties

**Ann Stroud Court,** Lee Green, SE12, 1 bed, 1 person, Ground floor flat.

**Collerston House,** Greenwich, SE10, 1 bed, 1 person Ground Floor flat.

**Littleheath,** Charlton, SE7, 1ST floor, Studio Flat.

**Mandela House,** Plumstead Common, SE18, 1ST floor Studio flat.

**Sam Manners House,** Greenwich, SE10, 2ND Floor Studio Flat.

### Two Person Properties

**No Vacancies**

**All the above properties are lifted.**

### This is what happened to the homes advertised in issue 216

Address	Bed-rooms	Property Type	No of Bids	Reg date of successful app	Band
Raglan Court Weigall Road SE12 8HQ	1	FLAT	63	22/06/2009	C
Lewisham Road SE13 7QR	3	MAISONETTE	14	12/10/2010	B
Keynes Court Atlee Road SE28 8DL	1	FLAT	77	26/09/2008	C
Spearsman Street SE18 4DG	2	MAISONETTE	24	01/10/2010	B
Brentwood House Portway Gardens SE18 4PQ	1	FLAT	13	29/03/2010	B
Eynham Drive SE2 9PT	4	MAISONETTE	7	24/08/2010	B
Berthon Street SE8 3EB	1	FLAT	20	20/06/2010	B
Kashmir Road SE7 8QL	3	HOUSE	70	09/02/1987	A
Dahlia Road SE2 0ST	2	MAISONETTE	19	08/01/2010	B
Kingsman Street SE18 5PT	2	FLAT	13	12/11/2010	B
St Domingo House Leda Road SE18 5QW	1	FLAT	147	27/06/2008	C
Edge Hill SE18 3TQ	1	FLAT	110	24/07/2008	C
Blackwell Lane SE10 0AR	2	HOUSE	300	01/07/2004	C
Eglinton Road SE18 3SY	2	MAISONETTE	19	11/04/2010	B
Antelope Road SE18 5PN	1	FLAT	35	31/12/2009	B
Belson Road SE18 5PU	1	FLAT	22	11/10/2009	B
Sowerby Close SE9 6HA	1	FLAT	72	20/01/2009	C
Tivoli Gardens SE18 5PD	0	FLAT	68	28/02/2008	C
Ruegg House Woolwich Common SE18 4HA	2	FLAT	99	02/04/2007	C
Ravens Way SE12 8EZ	2	FLAT	19	02/12/1996	A
Shooters Hill Road SE3 8JN	3	PARLOUR HOUSE	59	06/06/2008	B
Pippenhall Southend Crescent SE9 2SH	1	FLAT	29	03/08/2008	B
Claymill House Raglan Road SE18 7HX	1	FLAT	120	22/10/2008	C
Hatfield House Merryweather Place SE10 8EW	1	FLAT	29	23/03/2010	B
Hatfield House Merryweather Place SE10 8EW	1	FLAT		Awaiting Allocation	
Hatfield House Merryweather Place SE10 8EW	2	FLAT	26	03/02/2010	B
Hatfield House Merryweather Place SE10 8EW	2	FLAT		Awaiting Allocation	
Hatfield House Merryweather Place SE10 8EW	2	FLAT	122	30/10/2009	C
Hatfield House Merryweather Place SE10 8EW	3	FLAT	10	02/10/2009	B
Hatfield House Merryweather Place SE10 8EW	1	FLAT	161	22/01/1983	C
Hatfield House Merryweather Place SE10 8EW	1	FLAT	215	14/03/2003	C
Hatfield House Merryweather Place SE10 8EW	1	FLAT	38	13/08/2009	B
Hatfield House Merryweather Place SE10 8EW	0	FLAT	93	29/05/2007	C
Hatfield House Merryweather Place SE10 8EW	2	FLAT	166	23/08/2005	C
Walmer Terrace SE18 7ED	1	FLAT	126	29/11/2006	C
Gessage Road SE18 1NQ	1	FLAT	17	05/02/2010	B
Admiral Seymour Road SE9 1SN	2	FLAT	23	01/08/1994	A
Sibthorpe Road SE12 9DN	3	HOUSE	33	09/11/2006	B

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# Healthy competition!

Be in with a shout of winning a month of martial arts training. **Ten prizes to give away!**

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To be in with a chance of winning, just answer this question:

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- a) Green belt
- b) Brown belt
- c) Black belt



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Email the answer along with your name, address and daytime phone number to: [david@tangun-taekwondo.co.uk](mailto:david@tangun-taekwondo.co.uk)

For more information visit [www.tangun.co.uk](http://www.tangun.co.uk) or call tutor David on 07956 674 352

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Web: [www.jackchapman.info](http://www.jackchapman.info)

Booking Line - Tel: 0208 301 4743 for therapy time and venue details

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# SCENE



## Album

**Foreigner's long-titled album**

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## Coming up in Jan/Feb

by Peter Johnstone

## Dishing the dirt on 'Unruly Queen'

A BEST-SELLING author dishes the dirt on a racy 19th century aristocrat with strong links to Greenwich next month. **Flora Fraser**, author of **Caroline of Brunswick: The Unruly Queen**, gives a talk based on her book at The Old Royal Naval College on Sunday February 6. Caroline of Brunswick was a controversial figure, the estranged wife of the Prince Regent, (who later became George IV). The Unruly Queen lived at Montague House on the edge of Greenwich Park for over a decade. The talk is hosted by Friends of Greenwich Park and starts at 11am. The ticket cost of £10 includes a glass of wine. To book call 020 8852 8831 or buy on the door from 10.30am

## High kicks and high jinx

INTERNATIONAL cabaret is coming to Greenwich with a line up of South East European acts at The Borough Hall. The CitytoCity Cabaret is a collaborative dance event which takes place on January 21. £15 (£10 concessions) for a ticket at the Blackheath venue gets you table service, a live band and compère. The night of entertainment includes dancers, roller skaters, circus acts, film and the spoken word. There is also the chance to see a new work by choreographer Nigel Charnock, performed by ten male dancers. Starts at 7.30pm on Friday Jan 21. Box Office: 020 8293 9741

## Theatre: In between us

DANCERS and audience interact in the latest show at Laban Theatre later this month. Performance installation **Between**, by choreographer Angela Woodhouse and artist Caroline Broadhead, sees three dancers silently moving through the audience at the venue on Deptford Creekside. Spectators at the interactive event which takes place on Monday 24 and Tuesday 25 January are allowed to circulate freely, experiencing at first hand all the intricacies that would be invisible from the stage. In this way the creators hope to highlight issues of closeness and disconnection between individuals. **Between** is the seventh work by Broadhead and Woodhouse, who continue to combine dance with light and materials. In this 30-minute work the duo collaborate with dancers Stine Nilsen, David McCormick and Martina Conti to create 'atmospheric audience experiences'. January 24 and 25. Performances at 6.30pm, 7.15pm, 8.15pm and 9pm. Tickets cost £10 (£8 concessions) and are available on 020 8649 9500 or at [www.trinitylaban.ac.uk/labanththeatre](http://www.trinitylaban.ac.uk/labanththeatre).

# Leap of faith

The audience of a theatrical crime caper on at Laban this week is urged to be judgemental of the performance



PERFORMERS are used to being judged by their audience. But a theatre production takes it one stage further when the audience is actually invited to become the judge and jury for the night. Producer of **Justitia** (Justice), Jasmin Vardimon told *Scene*: "The piece is a theatrical story following a crime case. Events are played several times from different perspectives and the audience is in a similar position to a jury. They can perceive information and each time there is a new 'truth' which is exposed." The show which is on at Laban on Thursday (January 20) is rooted in dance but is fully scripted. "It's played in a physical way but there is also a lot of text in it - so it's theatrical, but also very physical," Jasmin said.

The play deals with the notions of justice and guilt, and takes place in two settings via a revolving stage. She added: "The two locations are the courtroom - where you traditionally try to prove you are not guilty, then, in group therapy, where the accused openly try to express their guilt. "The revolving stage means that the audience see the 'reality' from - literally - a different perspective because it's turning." It's a thought provoking piece of work, added the Israeli producer. "I want the audience to think about their point of view - each audience member has a different point of view, but the question is 'Is there one absolute truth?' "Is it what you see that dictates your point of view, or is it your point of view

that dictates what you see? Those are the questions I am interested in exploring." Justitia was originally commissioned by the National Theatre, and has been touring for four years.

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"We premiered it at the end of 2006, so it is entering its fifth year," Jasmin added. "It's come back to London for one night only. It's a chance for audiences who missed it - and who've seen my recent productions - to get to see it." The play has been all over

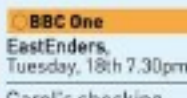
the world, as far away as Korea and Israel. So how do the audiences differ? "Some audiences are very reactive to the humour - there is a lot of humour in it - while some take it more seriously. Some respond vocally to the actors - it's very different from place to place," said Jasmin, who founded her self-named company over a decade ago and is touring Justitia and two more productions throughout 2011. "After the show at Laban we are going to France, Austria and Italy, then taking all three to America." Good play? You be the judge of that.

Rod Kitson

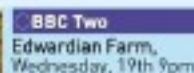
*Justitia is on at the Laban Theatre, Creekside on January 20. Starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are £15/10 Box Office: 020 8469 9500*



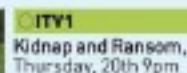
## Highlights of the week



Carol's shocking confession to Bianca sets in motion a chain of events that leads to tragedy for the family, and Connor has a nasty shock in store for Whitney.



The team tries to harvest the oat crop but work is disrupted by rain. When they finally manage to bring in the crop, the town celebrates with a fete.



with the mysterious Willard (John Hannah) for Naomi's release, but back in England the kidnappers strike again. Thriller, starring Trevor Eve.

Friday, 21st January

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# FINAL SCENE

## Foreign language

### Johnny's long stretch



JOHNNY FOREIGNER'S new EP has a somewhat weighty title. Ready? **YOU THOUGHT YOU SAW A SHOOTING STAR**

**BUT YOUR EYES WERE BLURRED WITH TEARS AND THAT LIGHTHOUSE CAN BE PRETTY DECEIVING WITH THE SKY SO CLEAR AND THE SEA SO CALM.** Yes. Really. Snappy isn't it?

So it may come as no surprise that JF is recognised as an acquired taste, a band that creates music which mixes passion and depth with lyrical complexity. And in a move that has been seen by some as idealistic - bordering on pretentious - each one of the EP's record sleeves has been hand made.

**You Thought You Saw A Shooting Star...** is a 6-track palate warmer before their next album rears its head, and at first glance pursues a different path from their previous work.

Following, *Waited Up 'til It Was Light* - a noisy, spiky debut that had the critics raving and drooling, and 2009's mixed bag follow-up *Grace And The Bigger Picture* - the new EP starts in slower fashion, showing a subdued and reflective side to the band.

Opener, *The Wind And The Weather* develops a slow-cooked bassline, not the squeal of guitars and staccato Casio beats that we might have expected. It meanders along, allowing singer Alexei Berrow a more gentle pace for his wistful lyrics. It's a listener-friendly song and it really works, drawing you in before the distortion gently appears, crackling over into the feedback of the next track.

This is more standard Johnny Foreigner fare, with catchy guitar lines and boy/girl vocals before *Elegy For Post Teenage Living* (Parts 1 & 2) kicks in with more of the same. And indeed, the lyrical content treads a well-worn path (criticism of scene kids, slutty clothes, unrequited feelings), but halfway through the track segues into part two: This section, spoken rather than sung, cuts the tempo and follows its own verbal pathways, culminating in bassist Kelly Southern's repeated calls of "you kept your nights free, and your tops low cut/ because you hope he'll notice sometime". This smart two-hander paints a bleak, reflective portrait that makes it the standout track, neatly encapsulating the feel of the whole record. The closing tracks alternate tempo from slow to fast to slow, making for a balanced sound, but one that seems almost too meticulously planned. Perhaps a reason for the seeming mellowness of this disc is its length. At less than 20-minutes long, the slow songs are more dominant than on a full-length album, where they would provide respite from the noisier tunes.

And while *YTYSASS...* may seem a little underwhelming to devotees of the band, it gives Johnny Foreigner a slightly more approachable edge. Possibly too noisy for some ears, and lacking in the expected harmonies, but nonetheless these six songs could well reward a persistent listener.

Peter Johnstone

# Literally speaking

Colin Firth has taken the plaudits for his portrayal of George VI in **The King's Speech**. Is the hype justified? *Dick Morgan reports*



DO not let this film to pass you by. Do whatever you have to do - beg, steal or

preferably buy a ticket - but do not miss **The King's Speech**, the latest offering from director Tom Hooper which stars Colin Firth as King George VI, Helen Bonham Carter as his wife, Elizabeth, the Queen Mother and Geoffrey Rush as Lionel Logue, an Australian speech therapist. Surely this is F.F.Firth's f.f.f.finest hour. The movie works on a number of levels. At its most simple, it tells the story of Logue's unorthodox attempts to cure a royal patient of his stammer. Initially reluctant, Bertie, as he was known to his family, gradually warms to this seemingly knowledgeable, progressive and confident Australian, and the buds of an unlikely friendship begin to blossom. But Logue is careless and crosses the threshold between commoner and King, invading his privacy and forgetting his place. Bertie, for his part, has his mind elsewhere. Not only does he lament his brother David's (Guy Pearce) increasingly indiscreet philandering with Wallis Simpson (Eve Best), but he resents David's total lack of



FREE SPEECH: Colin Firth as George VI, and Helena Bonham Carter as the Queen Mother

focus on state affairs. Abdication for love is one thing, dereliction of duty quite another.

In 1936 therefore, when Edward VIII finally crossed the constitutional Rubicon, Bertie was prepared albeit neither ready nor willing - "I'm a naval officer not a King", he bemoans to his wife. With Hitler in the West and Stalin in the East and an unstable domestic political environment (successive prime ministerial resignations - including a brief but powerful cameo from Anthony Andrews as Stanley Baldwin) - Bertie was convinced; Britain needed its monarchy like never before. Firth is, quite simply,

magnificent, growing before our very eyes from an insecure wretch to the supreme monarch George VI would ultimately become. But the insecurity remains, deep in his eyes, always ready to surface. Director Hooper marshals his illustrious troops with no little skill. Bonham Carter and Rush are equally impressive - the former, her finest role in years and what chemistry with Firth - the latter, one of four co-producers - a curious but powerful combination of confident therapist and impudent commoner. Derek Jacobi turns in his usual competent performance as a powerful and meddling

Archbishop of Canterbury, unctuously ingratiating himself into the royal household but with little success. Michael Gambon is similarly striking as Bertie's father, George V. It is both interesting and heartening to note that Logue was at Bertie's side throughout all of his wartime speeches and the two remained friends even after the war, but make no mistake, this is Firth's film from beginning to end.

**Verdict:**  
*Outstanding period drama.*  
10/10

*On at Greenwich Picturehouse and other local cinemas*

## Stirring up a **hornet's** nest



**THE GREEN HORNET** is a lesser-known player in the pantheon of super heroes, but is actually an early entrant, starting life in the 1930's during the golden age

of radio.

There have been many visualisations of the character including a US TV series and two movies. The current film has been planned for ten years, and was originally intended to star George Clooney.

This version is notable for the casting of Jay Chou as Kung Fu sidekick Kato - who actually does most of the fighting, and who was the inspiration of Cato in the Pink Panther movies. Chou is the Justin Timberlake of Asia and it is likely that his casting will boost the film's success in the blossoming Asian market - A trend that we may see more of in the future.

The film is a gas - like the radio serial, there are a number of unusual features to the Green Hornet, not least that he is seen as a villain by the population that he is trying to protect. Co-writer and star Seth Rogen proves to be great casting, as he is an excellent foil to the hyperactive Chou. For many fans the best part will be the heavily modified Green Hornet car 'Black Beauty' - a fabulously retro 60s muscle car that makes Knight Rider's KITT look like a Nissan Micra.



PRETTY GREEN: the Hornet and his car, Black Beauty

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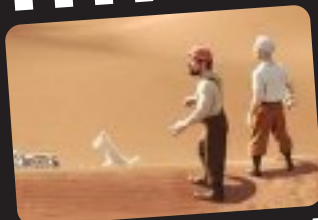


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# A year in pictures

It may have been a quiet year for film in 2010, but 2011 looks set to be a real blockbuster, says *Andrew Nisbet*

**Trending 2011**



COMING UP IN 2011: (1-7) True Grit, Tintin, Captain America, and The Fighter

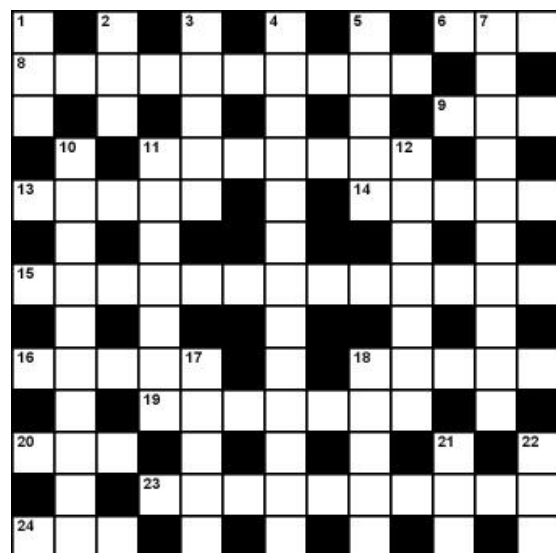
FOLLOWING a somewhat lacklustre film year in 2010, 2011 looks set to be an exciting one for the big screen with a host of mega-bucks blockbusters and stand-out performances set to entice the movie watching public to their local cinemas. Already, several of the year's newest releases have had tongues wagging in the aftermath of the BAFTA and Golden Globe nominations, with Colin Firth and Jeff Bridges both being tipped for awards glory over the coming months for their respective leading roles in *The King's Speech* and *True Grit*. Others to watch out for at the awards bash are *The Black Swan* – starring Natalie Portman with the hugely watchable Vincent Cassel – and *The Fighter*, which should surely see Christian Bale pick up a Supporting Actor gong or two for his turn alongside Mark Wahlberg. If January and February belong to Oscar fodder then the summer months are surely the realm of *The Blockbuster*, with a trough of big budget action epics and comic book makeovers set for release. While it has been relatively quiet over the last year or so, Marvel Studios is set to return in a big way with three huge movies due. *Thor*

(slated for May release), and *Captain America: The First Avenger* (July), should both prove veritable feasts for comic nerds and explosion enthusiasts alike when the Nordic God and the Nazi-basher are brought to life on the big screen in the middle of the year. Completing Marvel's summer takeover is *X-Men: First Class* (June), the latest in the super-freak franchise which goes back to the formative years of Professor X and Magneto, and the beginnings of the mutant's struggle against shadowy forces of evil. As one franchise is rekindled we bid a fond farewell to another, as the Harry Potter saga charges to its mercurial end in *The Deathly Hallows: Part 2*. One of the most anticipated movies of recent times marks the end of this insanely successful series as Harry gets exceptionally grumpy and we say ta-ta to Hogwarts for the final time. Potter isn't the only family-friendly franchise emptying our pockets though – *Pirates of the Caribbean* (much of which was filmed in Greenwich) and *The Twilight Saga* again raise their diamond-encrusted heads for another serving of other-worldly shenanigans and wafer thin story lines.

With a great year of film in prospect there is plenty to look forward to. Here are the movies that are getting me all sweaty:

- 1 True Grit**  
Hugely anticipated return for the Coen Brothers and the awesome Jeff Bridges in this remake of the John Wayne classic
- 2 Captain America**  
Get ready for a dose of the coolest Nazi-bashing since *Inglorious Basterds*.
- 3 Black Swan**  
Dark and atmospheric psycho-thriller starring the genius that is Vincent Cassel.
- 4 The Adventures of Tintin: The Secret of the Unicorn**  
Cutting edge animation with Brit cast lead by Jamie Bell, Andy Serkis and Daniel Craig.
- 5 The Fighter**  
Real life Rocky story tracing the rise of 'Irish' Mickey Ward starring Mark Wahlberg and superb turn by Christian Bale.

## Time Crossword



### CLUES ACROSS

- 6) Irritate this microbe to conceal a listening device (3)
- 8) That of note which happens whenever (10)
- 9) Switched to non-functional position (3)
- 11) Combination of voices or sounds in performance (7)
- 13) Stick to pass on a relay with a drum major (5)
- 14) Spine chillingly gloomy and strange (5)
- 15) Official, formal statement made in an approved way (13)
- 16) Cannon firing wick exactly like another (5)
- 18) Early north Germanic settler in eastern England (5)
- 19) As spoken in islands ceded to American and granted independence in 1946 (7)
- 20) Chronologically noteworthy division of time (3)
- 23) Not just a single sample, the whole bang-shoot (10)
- 24) Numerically speaking indivisible by 2 (3)

### CLUES DOWN

- 1) A very small amount scribbled hastily (3)
- 2) Card of single interest (3)
- 3) Sing with great sentimentality (5)
- 4) Take and bring to excess perhaps? (5, 3, 5)
- 5) Run races around to frighten the opposition (5)
- 7) Not at all welcoming - very ill-disposed (10)
- 10) Flaxen headed or very light brown (4-6)
- 11) Put into communication by telephone (7)
- 12) Absolutely over-run by whatever (7)
- 17) Taking one and making two of equal size (5)
- 18) By which all oxygenated blood leaves the heart (5)
- 21) Personal identification number (3)
- 22) Number of years spent alive (3)

## Hip-tashed annoyance...

### Deezy peazy



STAUNCH Indie snobs might not want to hear this, but **Darwin Deezy**' self-titled debut sounds an awful lot

like *Pavement*. Deezy's delivery is hugely reminiscent of the California lo-fi band's (wrong genre alert, muso-nerds) frontman Stephen Malkmus. But DDz will never be embraced by those who worship of the font of 'real artists'. Why not? Simple: he's too hip to be hip. He's trying too hard. His 'tasse' is too wispy. His glasses are too knowingly geek-chic. And his transatlantic use of a 'zee' instead of an 's', which the aforementioned anglophiles ('Pavement', not 'Sidewalk' - geddit?) wouldn't be seen dead using.

Granted, he's a bit zany, kerr-azee with a capital 'K' in a slightly contrived way, and to be honest I'm liking his name less and less each time I write it. But the point is that the Deezy's got it goin' on.

All the best music is so simple that you wonder why you didn't think of it yourself. Deezy's musical shtick is this: In yer face fat-but-thin guitars set against repetitively-pleasing programmed beats, topped off with a mannered mid-Atlantic drawl saying very little but sounding cool while he's at it. It's an effective formula - if a little one dimensional.

So while 'I'm just wasting time away' might not be the most original of refrains, it becomes a nagging mantra on *Bed Space*, hypnotic and evocative. The *Bomb Song*'s round-and-round arpeggio builds without ever needing to top out, its taught funk tighter than a pair of skinny jeans.

Without Malkmus, *Lights On* would have been a world beater, but as it is sounds like an effort straight out of *Terror Twilight For Dummies*. But more than anything it's his well-crafted image that will get under the skin of purists: His metrosexual fashion sense that makes Mika look butch. That wispy little excuse for a moustache. Those ridiculous, MASSIVE glasses. And the alicia ban. He's got a bloody Alice band round his bonce. But lest we forget it's an album, not a fashion parade, and there are three huge singles here. They bookend the record, kicking it off in fine style with *Constellation* – the catchiest-song-possibly-about-star-gazing-but-probably-just-druggie-mumbo-jumbo since MGMT disappeared down a K-hole. Then there is the sublime couplet of *Radar Detector* and *Bad Day* to finish, two nuggets of pop joy that beg the album for a reload. Natural selection, you could say.

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## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

- ACROSS: 7) After tax, 8) Onus, 9) Creed, 10) Acrobat, 11) Split, 13) Classic, 16) Vertigo, 17) Prune, 18) Fiction, 20) Ingot, 23) Rule, 24) Expedite.
- DOWN: 1) Afar, 2) Derelict, 3) Ate, 4) Exactly, 5) Logo, 6) Duration, 12) Previous, 14) Serenade, 15) Ignored, 19) Then, 21) Oats, 22) Spy



# Wrongs and stories

## Borough set for Holocaust day

**CHILDREN** and their families in local schools are being encouraged to play a simple but special part in this month's Holocaust Memorial events by sharing untold stories from the past.

It's one of the many borough events organised to mark Holocaust Memorial Day on Thursday, January 27.

The theme of this year's special day is 'Untold Stories' and youngsters will spend some time researching the stories of Holocaust survivors which have never made the headlines and ensure that the stories are passed on.

The annual event has been commemorated in the UK since 2001 and it was declared



an international day of remembrance by the United Nations in 2005. Each year events are held to honour the victims and survivors of the Holocaust and subsequent genocides such as Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia, and those in Darfur. It's also a chance for all communities to reflect on their own lives and learn from the lessons of the past.

The council will be hosting a Holocaust Memorial Day

service in the Town Hall at 11am on January 27.

Greenwich Mayor Barbara Barwick, will welcome representatives from several community groups to join her in commemorating the day.

The Mayor told GT: "It's vitally important that we all recognise the consequences of exclusion and persecution, and that we work together in order for us to create a better, safer future for all our children."

● **FIND out more about the approaching event by visiting [www.hmd.org.uk](http://www.hmd.org.uk)**



**TOWN HALL TRIBUTE.** primary school pupils help light a candle of remembrance at last year's Holocaust Memorial Day. left, this year's HMD logo

**'It's vitally important that we all recognise the consequences of exclusion and persecution'**

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<b>Applicant:</b> Mr A Smith <b>2-12 EDITH CAVELL WAY, WOOLWICH, LONDON, SE18 4YJ</b> <b>Development:</b> Erection of iron railings. <b>Drawing Numbers:</b> 1/02/12/1, 1/02/12/2, Design and Access Statement, Letter dated 1 December and Email dated 21 December 2010. <b>Library:</b> East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road, London, SE10 0NL. <b>Conservation Area:</b> WOOLWICH COMMON	101373F	<b>Applicant:</b> Mr Butten and Mrs Tilling <b>18 ROYAL HILL, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8BT</b> <b>Development:</b> Installation of a new shopfront. <b>Drawing Numbers:</b> 23/10/1, 02, 03, 04, 05, 14, 15, 16, Design and Access Statement and Site Plan. <b>Library:</b> West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8BN. <b>Conservation Area:</b> WEST GREENWICH	101334F
<b>Applicant:</b> Mr Waldo <b>73 VANDERBUSH PARK, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 7JQ</b> <b>Development:</b> Construction of a 3-storey rear glazed extension. <b>Drawing Numbers:</b> Allocated Nos. 001, 002, Design and Access Statement and Site Plan. <b>Library:</b> Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7ET. <b>Conservation Area:</b> BLACKHEATH	103178F	<b>Applicant:</b> London & Quadrant Housing Trust <b>FORMER CINEMA SITE, 1 GARIBOLDI STREET, PLUMSTEAD, LONDON, SE18 1DE</b> <b>Development:</b> Erection of a 3-4 storey building to provide 2 x 4 bed units, 5 x 3 bed units, 12 x 2 bed units and 4 x 1 bed units (21 units) with associated amenity space, access, disabled parking, cycle store and refuse facilities. <b>Drawing Numbers:</b> 08/09/PL/001, 002, 020, 021, 022, 023, 024, 025, 026, 027, 028, 029, 030, 110, 111, 112, Daylight, Sunlight and Shade Report, Design and Access Statement, Deed of Planning Obligation (S106), Air Quality Assessment, Energy Strategy, Desk Study Report Volume 1, Interpretative Report on Site Investigation Volume 2, Planning Statement and Transport Assessment. <b>Library:</b> Plumstead Library, Plumstead High Street SE18 1JL. <b>Conservation Area:</b>	103382F
<b>Applicant:</b> London & Quadrant <b>FLATS A, B &amp; E, 15 KIDBROOKE GROVE, KIDBROOKE, SE3 0FF</b> <b>Development:</b> Installation of replacement windows and door. <b>Drawing Numbers:</b> Allocated Drawing Nos 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, Photo Sheets A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H & J, Site location plan and Letter dated 17th November 2010. <b>Library:</b> Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7ET. <b>Conservation Area:</b> BLACKHEATH	103224F	<b>Applicant:</b> Mr Christopher Todhunter <b>7 &amp; 8 ST ALFEGE PASSAGE, GREENWICH, SE10 9JS</b> <b>Development:</b> Construction of rear conservatory to each property. <b>Drawing Numbers:</b> P01, P02, P03, P04, P05, P06, P07, P08, P09, P10, S01, S02, S03, S04, S05, S06, S07, S08, S09, S10, Design & Access Statement and site plan. <b>Library:</b> West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8BN. <b>Conservation Area:</b> WEST GREENWICH	103405F
<b>Applicant:</b> Mr Whitfield English Heritage <b>ENTRANCE TO ELTHAM PALACE CAR PARK, COURT YARD, ELTHAM, LONDON, SE9 5QE</b> <b>Development:</b> Installation of replacement vehicular access gates at entrance to car park fronting Court Yard. <b>Drawing Numbers:</b> 4/75/04-01, 02, 03, 04, Dec 1 and Design & Access Statement. <b>Library:</b> Eltham Library, Eltham High Street SE9 3JA. <b>Conservation Area:</b> ELTHAM PALACE	103244F	<b>Applicant:</b> Ms Sylvia Browning <b>47 GRANNY ROAD, ELTHAM, LONDON, SE9 1EH</b> <b>Development:</b> Installation of a wooden two glass pane door. <b>Drawing Numbers:</b> WD 1, Sample sheet 01, Site location plan and Letter dated 17 December 2010. <b>Library:</b> Eltham Library, 2 Archery Road SE9 1HA. <b>Conservation Area:</b> PROGRES-ESATE	103407F
<b>Applicant:</b> Cantel Investments Ltd <b>105 BLACKHEATH ROAD, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8PD</b> <b>Development:</b> Bill of joined road to create a 2-bed flat, Construction of a two storey rear extension and Change of Use of ground floor A2 unit to form a 1-bed flat (Resubmission). <b>Drawing Numbers:</b> 1/63A-001 (Site location plan), 102, 103, 1/63A-201 (Rev B), 202 (Rev B), 203 (Rev B), 204 (Rev B) and Design and Access Statement. <b>Library:</b> West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8BN.	103292F	<b>Applicant:</b> Mr Christopher Todhunter <b>7 &amp; 8 ST ALFEGE PASSAGE, GREENWICH, SE10 9JS</b> <b>Development:</b> Construction of rear conservatory to each property and various internal alterations and refurbishments. <b>Drawing Numbers:</b> P01, P02, P03, P04, P05, P06, P07, P08, P09, P10, S01, S02, S03, S04, S05, S06, S07, S08, S09, S10, Design & Access Statement, Schedule of Proposed Alterations & Repairs and site plan. <b>Library:</b> West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8BN. <b>Conservation Area:</b> WEST GREENWICH <b>Listed Building:</b> Grade 2	103406L
<b>Applicant:</b> Mr Bateman <b>FORMER CONSTITUTIONAL CLUB, 119 LEE ROAD, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 9DZ</b> <b>Development:</b> Demolition of existing rear and side additions, construction of 3-storey rear and side extensions and conversion to form a 6-bed house. <b>Drawing Numbers:</b> 001 Rev P1 (Site Location Plan), 003 Rev P1 (Photographs), 004 Rev P1, 005 Rev P1, 006 Rev P1, 007 Rev P1, 008 Rev P1, 009 Rev P1, 010 Rev P1, 011 Rev P1, 012 Rev P1, Planning Statement, Planning Analysis, Heritage Impact Assessment and Design & Access Statement. <b>Library:</b> Eltham Library, 2 Archery Road SE9 1HA. <b>Conservation Area:</b> BLACKHEATH PARK	103335F	<b>Applicant:</b> Mr Bateman <b>FORMER CONSTITUTIONAL CLUB, 119 LEE ROAD, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 9DZ</b> <b>Development:</b> Demolition of existing rear and side additions, construction of 3-storey rear and side extensions and conversion to form a 6-bed house. <b>Drawing Numbers:</b> 001 Rev P1 (Site Location Plan), 003 Rev P1 (Photographs), 004 Rev P1, 005 Rev P1, 006 Rev P1, 007 Rev P1, 008 Rev P1, 009 Rev P1, 010 Rev P1, 011 Rev P1, 012 Rev P1, Planning Statement, Planning Analysis, Heritage Impact Assessment and Design & Access Statement. <b>Library:</b> Eltham Library, 2 Archery Road SE9 1HA. <b>Conservation Area:</b> BLACKHEATH PARK.	103336C
<b>Applicant:</b> Mr & Mrs Wilson <b>6 ASHBURNHAM GROVE, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8UH</b> <b>Development:</b> Construction of a single storey rear extension, extension to lower ground floor front lightwell and second floor rear balcony, installation of 3 rooflights and new iron railings to front boundary. <b>Drawing Numbers:</b> 4/69/001, 010, 011, 012, 013, 020, 021, 030, 110, 111, 112, 113 Rev A, 120, 122, 130 Rev A and Design Statement. <b>Library:</b> West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8BN. <b>Conservation Area:</b> ASHBURNHAM WINGFIELD	103341F		



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# SPORT

## Powell witnesses task in hand

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next week but Anyinsah scooped wildly over the bar when sent clear by Wagstaff. The miss was promptly punished by a sickening equaliser, Reda Johnson's header sneaking Teale's cross into the bottom left corner through a congested goal area.

Exactly what Chris Powell (let's hear no more of this "Chrissy" nonsense, by the way) made of the defensive sloppiness is open to speculation. His new charges have hit an oil slick on the road to the Championship; they're slipping, sliding, floundering and, unless he can plug some alarming holes, foundering.

He will draw heart from their refusal to collapse irrevocably in the wake of the Owls' two-goal salvo but he already knows he has his hands full. As did Edward Armstrong with his blissfully unaware son, who was, by now, sleeping the sleep of the just and innocent. Mr. Powell can learn a lot from him, like knowing when to switch off.

**Wednesday** (4-4-2): Weaver, Morrison, Purse, Reda Johnson, Jones, Miller, Teale (Jermain Johnson, 46), Sedgwick, O'Connor, Mellor (Heffernan, 46), Morrison. Not used: Jameson, Spurr, Potter, Beevers, Palmer.

**Charlton** (4-5-1): Elliot, Francis, Docherty, Dailly, Fry, Wagstaff, Semedo, Rahon (Eccleston 68), McCormack (Reid, 83),

Jackson, Anyinsah (Sodje, 57). Not used: Worner, Abbott, Fortune, Jenkinson.

**Referee:** Carl Boyeson. Att: 19,051.

## New man in charge

FORMER Addicks Chris Powell was appointed as Charlton's new manager on Friday.

Powell, who had been working as first-team coach at Leicester City under former England boss Sven-Goran Eriksson, signed a three-and-a-half year contract took charge officially yesterday (Monday).

Charlton chairman Michael Slater said: "We spoke to a number of strong candidates as part of the recruitment process. As soon as we met Chris, it was clear he was the stand-out candidate and the one we wanted to be our new manager."

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## Powell to the people



ENTER MILAN: Sheffield Wednesday owner Milan Mandric welcomes new Charlton manager Chris Powell to Hillsborough for the promotion chasing clash

### Chris - and little Matthew - witness the task in hand

WELL policed - in fact, kettled where necessary - by his doting dad Edward, rookie Charlton supporter Matthew Armstrong of Red Lion Lane, Shooters Hill, chose one hell of a game to nail his debut bib to Charlton's mast.

He wasn't treated to a purist's classic but a red-blooded clash of promotion rivals, which crammed incident upon incident during 90-plus minutes of wildly fluctuating fortunes, was a pretty decent start.

Not that lifetime fan Matthew followed it all that closely. He doesn't turn two until February 8 and was content to gurgle happily, conscientiously fill a nappy or two and fit in a little shut-eye during rare lulls in the action.

Even the last-gasp Paul Heffernan header that rebounded off the inside of Rob Elliot's left post left the toddler unimpressed. An easygoing kid, he'd settled for a draw at what he'll tell his mates was Chris Powell's first game as manager-elect.

The point they carved from this bitterly-contested game seemed the least of Charlton's ambitions after riding their luck on the way to a slightly lucky two-goal lead within six minutes.

The initial breakthrough was engineered by Matt Fry's accurate cross, Christian Dailly's cute nod-down and the alertness shown by Scott Wagstaff in brushing past Michael Morrison to force his shot past Nicky

Sheffield Wednesday 2  
Charlton 2

by Kevin Nolan

Weaver.

It was, of course, a dream start which was enhanced almost immediately by Johnnie Jackson. Experienced Owls skipper Darren Purse should have known better but couldn't stop himself clumsily wrestling Joe Anyinsah off a hopeful long ball by Simon Francis.

Even old sweats like Purse never learn and referee Carl Boyeson had no doubt that the law had been broken. Jackson notched his 14th goal of the season by coolly wrongfooting Weaver from penalty spot.

A two-goal lead, so they say, is the most difficult of advantages to protect and Charlton promptly set about adding substance to what is no more than a myth.

Never particularly comfortable during the first half, that they stayed in front was more the result of Wednesday's ineptitude than to any defensive impregnability of their own. They might have added to their lead, though, but Weaver nimbly turned a wickedly drifting cross from Alan McCormack over the bar.

It was turning into one of those afternoons for the Addicks whereby, if they'd lost a tanner they'd have found a shilling, a feeling reinforced when the Owls threw away a golden opportunity to reduce their arrears before the interval.

A free kick from Gary Teale, awarded for Dailly's foul on Neil Mellor, caused chaos in the visitors' penalty area where, in the untidy melee, towering centre back Reda Johnson was hauled to the ground by Jose Semedo. Teale struck the penalty firmly but Elliot launched himself to his left to turn the shot aside. Young Matthew chortled his pleasure, meanwhile, but at something unconnected.

Within five minutes of the restart, Charlton's newest supporter found out what his dad had let him in for, as the lead disappeared like last month's snow. The alarm bells clanged as Purse's free kick was feebly cleared to substitute Heffernan, who could hardly miss from six yards.

An instant response would have knocked Wednesday into the middle of

**'Never particularly comfortable during the first half, that they stayed in front was more the result of Wednesday's ineptitude than to any defensive impregnability of their own'**

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